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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON SHOES

FOR LANDE FROM WOLFF

THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ASKED ME TO SEND YOU THE TEXT OF THE  
FOLLOWING LETTER, WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER RECEIVED FROM NINE  
SENATORS LAST WEEK: BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AS APRIL DRAWS TO A CLOSE AND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES PREPARE  
TO GO ABROAD FOR DISCUSSIONS ON LIMITING FOOTWEAR IMPORTS,  
WE WOULD LIKE TO SUMMARIZE FOR YOU THE POINTS RAISED BY  
THE SHOE INDUSTRY AND WHICH IN TURN WE HAVE CONVEYED TO  
MESSRS. STRAUSS AND LANDE SINCE YOU ANNOUNCED YOUR INTEN-  
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TION TO SEEK ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENTS (OMA'S) WITH  
TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA.

THERE IS NO SINGLE, PERFECT SOLUTION TO THE DILEMMA WHICH  
THE MOUNTING SURFEIT OF IMPORTS CAUSES OUR INDUSTRY AND  
ITS EMPLOYEES. BUT WE DO FEEL THAT INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYEE  
CONCERNS SHOULD NOT BE DISREGARDED IN THE ABSENCE OF

COMPELLING CONCLUSIONS TO THE CONTRARY. THE MOST IMPORTANT  
OF THESE CONCERNS FOLLOW:

1) ADEQUATE OMA'S OUGHT TO BE NEGOTIATED NOT ONLY WITH  
TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA, BUT WITH SPAIN AND BRAZIL AS WELL.

2) A ROLL-BACK TO 1975 LEVELS, OR LOWER, OUGHT TO OCCUR.  
THIS MAY MEAN CUTTING FOOTWEAR IMPORTS BY AS MUCH AS 80  
MILLION PAIRS.

3) FIVE FULL YEARS OF IMPORT RELIEF ARE NEEDED. THE  
FLOW OF GOODS AND CAPITAL IN ANY INDUSTRY REQUIRE TIME  
IN WHICH TO FIND THEIR BEST COURSE. ANYTHING LESS THAN  
FIVE YEARS WILL DEPRIVE THE INDUSTRY OF THE TIME NEEDED  
TO ATTRACT CAPITAL, SUPPLY NEW TECHNOLOGY, AND IMPROVE  
MARKETING.

4) ALL COUNTRIES WITH WHOM WE HAVE NO OMA OUGHT TO  
BE LUMPED TOGETHER IN A BASKET CATEGORY WHICH HAS A  
FROZEN LEVEL AND FROM WHICH NO EXCLUSIONS OR EXCEP-  
TIONS SHALL BE MADE. THE POSSIBILITY OF APPORTIONING  
THE NUMBERS TO TWO SIX-MONTH SEASONS OUGHT TO BE  
CONSIDERED, AS THIS WOULD REDUCE THE CHANCE OF IMPORT  
SURGES OR ARTIFICIAL "FLOODS" OF SHOES AT THE BEGINNING  
OF THE YEAR, FOLLOWED BY SHORTAGES AT THE END.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS,  
WE HEARTILY ENDORSE THE EXPECTED ANNOUNCEMENT OF A SYSTEM  
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BY WHICH THE IMPORTS OF THE TOP FIVE EXPORTING COUNTRIES  
WILL BE MONITORED, WHILE ALL COUNTRIES EXPORTING  
MORE THAN TWO MILLION PAIRS AND WHICH SHOW A RECORD OF  
GROWTH WILL BE WATCHED. WE SUGGEST THAT CATEGORIES  
OF AGE, SEX, MATERIALS, AND PRICE BREAKS BE ESTABLISHED  
IN ORDER TO RENDER DATA USEFUL BOTH FOR ENFORCEMENT AND  
FOR OBSERVING COMMERCIAL TRENDS.

WE FEEL THAT MR. LANDE DEPARTS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
A GRAPHIC SENSE OF OUR CONCERNS. WE VERY MUCH WISH TO  
LEND OUR STRENGTH TO YOURS IN ORDER TO SECURE MEANINGFUL  
RELIEF IN THIS MATTER; AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO DEVELOPING  
A SOLUTION WHICH WE CAN COMMONLY EXPRESS AND ENTHUSIASTI-  
CALLY IMPLEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

SINCERELY,

EDMUND S. MUSKIE, JOHN A. DURKIN, THOMAS F. EAGLETON,  
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